

DIAGNOSTIC COMPOSITIONS, ELEMENTS, METHODS AND TEST  
KITS FOR AMPLIFICATION AND DETECTION OF TWO OR MORE  
DNA'S USING PRIMERS HAVING MATCHED MELTING TEMPERATURES

Field of the Invention

5 This invention relates to diagnostic  
compositions, elements, methods and test kits for the  
amplification and detection of a multiplicity of  
nucleic acids associated with one or more infectious  
agents. In particular, it relates to improved methods  
10 of polymerase chain reaction (PCR) using test kits and  
buffered compositions containing "matched" primers for  
a bacterial or viral DNA.

Background of the Invention

15 Technology to detect minute quantities of  
nucleic acids associated with various infectious agents  
(including viruses, bacteria, fungus and protozoa) has  
advanced rapidly over the last ten years including the  
development of highly sophisticated hybridization  
assays using probes in amplification techniques such as  
20 PCR. Researchers have readily recognized the value of  
such technology to detect diseases and genetic features  
in human or animal test specimens. The use of probes  
and primers in such technology is based upon the  
concept of complementarity, that is the bonding of two  
25 strands of a nucleic acid by hydrogen bonds between  
complementary nucleotides (also known as nucleotide  
pairs).

PCR is a significant advance in the art to  
allow detection of very small concentrations of a  
30 targeted nucleic acid. The details of PCR are  
described, for example, in US-A-4,683,195 (Mullis et  
al), US-A-4,683,202 (Mullis), and US-A-4,965,188  
(Mullis et al) and by Mullis et al, *Methods of  
Enzymology*, 155, pp. 335-350 (1987), although there is  
35 a rapidly expanding volume of literature in this field.

Without going into extensive detail, PCR involves hybridizing primers to the strands of a targeted nucleic acid (considered "templates") in the presence of a polymerization agent (such as a DNA polymerase) and deoxyribonucleoside triphosphates under the appropriate conditions. The result is the formation of primer extension products along the templates, the products having added thereto nucleotides which are complementary to the templates.

Once the primer extension products are denatured, one copy of the templates has been prepared, and the cycle of priming, extending and denaturation can be carried out as many times as desired to provide an exponential increase in the amount of nucleic acid which has the same sequence as the target nucleic acid. In effect, the target nucleic acid is duplicated (or "amplified") many times so that it is more easily detected. Despite the broad and rapid use of PCR in a variety of biological and diagnostic fields, there are still practical limitations which must be overcome to achieve the optimum success of the technology.

It is well known that PCR is susceptible to a "carry-over" problem whereby amplified nucleic acids from one reaction may be inadvertently carried over into subsequent reactions using "fresh" PCR reaction mixtures, and thereby causing "false" positives when testing later specimens.

One approach to this problem is to completely contain the reagents for each PCR procedure so no reagents or by-products can be carried over into later reactions. Specially designed test packs or test devices have been designed to contain PCR procedures for this reason. Such test packs are described, for example, in recently allowed U.S.S.N. 07/962,159 [filed October 15, 1992 by Schnipelsky et al as a continuation

of U.S.S.N. 07/673,053 (filed March 21, 1991, now abandoned) which in turn is a CIP of U.S.S.N. 07/339,923 (filed April 17, 1989, now abandoned) which in turn is a CIP of U.S.S.N. 07/306,735 (filed February 3, 1989, now abandoned)]. These test devices are preferably, but not necessarily, used in PCR in combination with automatic PCR processing equipment such as that described in US-A-5,089,660 (Devaney Jr.) and in US-A-5,089,233 (Devaney Jr. et al). This equipment is characterized by its capability to simultaneously process several test specimens in separate test devices.

More preferably, it would be desirable to detect a multiplicity of target nucleic acids (or a multiplicity of nucleic acid sequences in the same nucleic acid) in a single test device. This is referred to herein as "multiplexing".

In one embodiment of PCR, a specific set of primers and a capture probe (a total of three oligonucleotides) are needed for each target nucleic acid which is to be amplified and detected. Thus, the three oligonucleotides are complementary and specific to that target nucleic acid. For example, in multiplexing, if three target nucleic acids are to be amplified and detected, typically three sets of primers and probes are needed, one set specific for each target nucleic acid. Normally, detection of the multiple nucleic acids requires a multiplicity of test devices, and perhaps different sets of PCR conditions (that is, temperature and time conditions) to obtain efficient amplification of each target nucleic acid.

It would be desirable, however, to amplify and detect a plurality of target nucleic acids simultaneously in the same test device, using "universal" processing equipment and conditions. This

cannot be done by merely selecting any set of primers and probes specific for each target nucleic acid from conventional sources. Where processing equipment is used to process several test devices simultaneously, or  
5 a single test device is designed for multiplexing, the equipment must be somehow adapted to provide optimum heating and cooling times and temperatures for each set of primers and probes, since they will all likely have individual optimum amplification conditions (for  
10 example, denaturation temperatures). To adapt the equipment to randomly selected primers and probes in multiplexing would be a very expensive and cumbersome solution to the problem. Yet there is a great need for efficient, relatively inexpensive and rapid  
15 multiplexing to detect multiple nucleic acids, or two or more nucleic acid sequences of the same nucleic acid.

Summary of the Invention

The problems noted above are overcome by  
20 using, in PCR, an aqueous composition buffered to a pH of from about 7 to about 9, which comprises:

a) first and second primers which are specific to and hybridizable with, respectively, first and second nucleic acid sequences which are in opposing  
25 strands of a first target DNA and which are separated from each other along the opposing strands by from 90 to 400 nucleotides, and

b) third and fourth primers which are specific to and hybridizable with, respectively, third  
30 and fourth nucleic acid sequences which are in opposing strands of a second target DNA which is the same as or different from the first target DNA, the third and fourth nucleic acid sequences being different from the first and second nucleic acid sequences and being

separated from each other along the opposing strands by from 90 to 400 nucleotides,

each of the first, second, third and fourth primers having a  $T_m$  within the range of from about 65 to about 74°C, all of the primer  $T_m$ 's being within about 5°C of each other, the first and second primers having nucleotide lengths which differ from each other by no more than 5 nucleotides, and the third and fourth primers having nucleotide lengths which differ from each other by no more than 5 nucleotides.

This invention also provides a diagnostic test kit for the amplification of a first target DNA comprising, in separate packaging:

a) an aqueous composition buffered to a pH of from about 7 to about 9, which comprises:

first and second primers which are specific to and hybridizable with, respectively, first and second nucleic acid sequences which are in opposing strands of a first target DNA and which are separated from each other along the opposing strands by from 90 to 400 nucleotides, and

third and fourth primers which are specific to and hybridizable with, respectively, third and fourth nucleic acid sequences which are in opposing strands of a second target DNA which is the same as or different from the first DNA, the third and fourth nucleic acid sequences being different from the first and second nucleic acid sequences and being separated from each other along the opposing strands of the second target DNA by from 90 to 400 nucleotides,

each of the first, second, third and fourth primers having a  $T_m$  within the range of from about 65 to about 74°C, all of the primer  $T_m$ 's being within about 5°C of each other, the first and second primers having nucleotide lengths which differ from

each other by no more than 5 nucleotides, and the third and fourth primers having nucleotide lengths which differ from each other by no more than 5 nucleotides, and

5                   b)    at least one additional PCR reagent.

A method of this invention for the simultaneous amplification and detection of a first target DNA and a second target DNA comprises:

10           A)    simultaneously subjecting the denatured opposing strands of a first target DNA and the denatured opposing strands of a second target DNA to polymerase chain reaction in the presence of:

          i)    an aqueous composition buffered to a pH of from about 7 to about 9, and comprising:

15           first and second primers which are specific to and hybridizable with, respectively, first and second nucleic acid sequences which are in opposing strands of the first target DNA and which are separated from each other along the opposing strand by from 90 to  
20   400 nucleotides,

          third and fourth primers which are specific to and hybridizable with, respectively, third and fourth nucleic acid sequences which are in opposing strands of the second target DNA which is the same as  
25   or different from the first target DNA, the third and fourth nucleic acids sequences being separated from each other along the opposing strands of the second target DNA by from 90 to 400 nucleotides,

          each of the first, second, third and fourth  
30   primers having a  $T_m$  within the range of from about 65 to about 74°C, all of the primer  $T_m$ 's being within about 5°C of each other, the first and second primers having nucleotide lengths which differ from each other by no more than 5 nucleotides, and the third and fourth

primers having nucleotide lengths which differ from each other by no more than 5 nucleotides, and

ii) the additional PCR reagents: a thermostable DNA polymerase, a DNA polymerase cofactor and at least one dNTP, any or all of the additional PCR reagents being in the same or a different composition as defined in i),

to simultaneously amplify the opposing first target DNA strands and the opposing second target DNA strands,

B) simultaneously detecting at least one of the amplified first target DNA strands and at least one of the amplified second target DNA strands as a simultaneous determination of the presence of the first and second target DNA's.

The present invention provides an effective and efficient means for multiplexing, or amplifying and detecting a multiplicity of target nucleic acid sequences using the same test device, if desired, and the same processing equipment (processing one or more test devices simultaneously). It is particularly useful for the detection of one or more nucleic acid sequences of a first DNA associated with an infectious agent and one or more nucleic acid sequences of a second target DNA associated with the same or another infectious agent. Any number of nucleic acid sequences of the same or different DNA molecules can be amplified and determined simultaneously using the appropriate primer sets in combination.

These advantages are achieved by using a set of "matched" primers in PCR for each target nucleic acid. By "matched" primers is meant primers in each set having melting temperatures ( $T_m$ 's) which are essentially the same, that is they differ by no more than about 5°C. Moreover, the  $T_m$ 's of the two primers

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detectable species would be readily apparent to one skilled in the art.

The invention is useful for the simultaneous amplification and detection of one or more nucleic acid sequences of a retroviral DNA (such as HTLV-I, HTLV-II, HIV-I or HIV-II DNA), human cytomegaloviral (hCMV) DNA, human papilloma viral DNA, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* DNA, *Mycobacterium avium* DNA, hepatitis viral DNA and *Pneumocystis carinii* DNA.

A "target" DNA as used in this application also includes nucleic acids which are added to a test specimen to provide positive controls in the assays.

A "PCR reagent" refers to any of the reagents considered essential to PCR, namely primers for the target nucleic acid, a thermostable DNA polymerase, a DNA polymerase cofactor, and one or more deoxyribonucleoside-5'-triphosphates. Other optional reagents and materials used in PCR are described below.

The term "primer" refers to an oligonucleotide, whether naturally occurring or synthetically produced, which is capable of acting as a point of initiation of synthesis when placed under conditions in which synthesis of a primer extension product complementary to a nucleic acid strand (that is, template) is induced. Such conditions include the presence of nucleotides (such as the four standard deoxyribonucleoside-5'-triphosphates), a thermostable DNA polymerase and a DNA polymerase cofactor, and suitable temperature and pH.

The primer is preferably single stranded for maximum efficiency in amplification, but can contain a double stranded region if desired. It must be long enough to prime the synthesis of extension products in the presence of the DNA polymerase. The exact size of each primer will vary depending upon the use

amplification and detection of two or more target DNA's.

5 The present invention is directed to the amplification and detection of two or more specific nucleic acid sequences from DNA molecules associated with infectious agents in a test specimen. Such specimens can include bacterial or viral material, hair, body fluids or cellular materials containing DNA which can be detected.

10 Nucleic acids to be amplified and detected can be obtained from various sources including plasmids and naturally occurring DNA or RNA from any source (such as bacteria, yeast, viruses, plants, higher animals and humans). It may be extracted from various  
15 tissues including peripheral blood mononuclear cells and other blood components, tissue material or other sources known in the art using known procedures.

The method described herein is particularly useful for the detection of infectious agents, such as  
20 bacteria, viruses, fungi and protozoa, by detection of nucleic acids associated therewith.

Bacteria which can be detected include, but are not limited to, bacteria found in human blood, *Salmonella* species, *Streptococcus* species, *Chlamydia* species, *Gonococcal* species, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, *Mycobacterium fortuitum*, *Mycobacterium avium* complex, *Legionella pneumophila*, *Clostridium difficile*, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, *Pneumocystis carinii*, *Mycoplasma Haemophilus influenzae*, *Shigella* species and  
30 *Listeria* species. Viruses which are detectable, besides cytomegalovirus, include, but are not limited to, herpes, Epstein Barr virus, influenza viruses, human papilloma virus, hepatitis and retroviruses such as HTLV-I, HTLV-II, HIV-I and HIV-II. Protozoan  
35 parasites, yeasts and molds are also detectable. Other

contemplated, the complexity of the targeted sequence, reaction temperature and the source of the primer.

Generally, the primers used in this invention will have from 12 to 60 nucleotides, and preferably, they have

5 from 20 to 40 nucleotides. More preferably, each primer in a set has from 25 to 35 nucleotides. The lengths of the primers in each primer set differ from each other by no more than 5 nucleotides, and preferably by no more than 2 nucleotides. Most  
10 preferably, the primers within a set have the same length.

One set of primers used in the practice of the invention includes first and second primers which are specific to, respectively, first and second nucleic  
15 acid sequences in opposing strands of a first target DNA. The first and second sequences are spaced along the opposing strands from each other by from 90 to 400 nucleotides, and preferably from 100 to 300 nucleotides apart on opposing strands. Thus, the two primers  
20 hybridize to nucleic acid sequences which are relatively close to each other along the opposing strands.

A second set of primers (including third and fourth primers) is used to amplify and detect third and  
25 fourth sequences of opposing strands of the same target DNA or of another target DNA from a different source. Additional sets of primers can be used to amplify and detect additional target DNA's.

For every set of primers used in this  
30 invention, each primer in the set has a  $T_m$  within the range of from about 65 to about 74°C, and preferably within the range of from about 67 to about 74°C. In addition, the primer  $T_m$ 's are within about 5°C of each other, and preferably they differ by no more than 2°C.  
35 Further still, the  $T_m$ 's of the primers in each

additional set differ from the  $T_m$ 's of all other primers in the other sets of primers used in the method by no more than about 5°C, and preferably by no more than about 2°C. The additional primers also hybridize to nucleic acid sequences in the opposing strands of the particular target nucleic acid, which sequences are spaced apart along the strands by from 90 to 400 nucleotides (more preferably, from 100 to 300 nucleotides apart).

These characteristics and relationships among all of the primers allow for effective and efficient multiplexing using the same PCR processing equipment and conditions.

$T_m$  (melting temperature) is defined herein as the temperature at which one-half of a double stranded DNA molecule is denatured. The determination of  $T_m$  can be accomplished using several standard procedures, based on ultraviolet hypochromism, for example, by monitoring the spectrum at 260 nm as described in Biochemistry- The Molecular Basis of Cell Structure and Function, 2nd Edition, Lehninger, Worth Publishers, Inc., 1970, pp. 876-7. The various methods of determining  $T_m$  values may produce slightly differing values for the same DNA molecule, but those values should not vary from each other by more than about 2 or 3°C.

Preferably, the  $T_m$  values described herein for the primers and probes are calculated using the formula (I):

(I)  $T_m (^{\circ}\text{C}) = 67.5 + 0.34(\% \text{ G} + \text{C}) - 395/\text{N}$   
wherein "G" and "C" represent the number of guanine and cytosine nucleotides, respectively, and "N" represents the total number of nucleotides in the oligonucleotide (that is, primer or probe).  $T_m$  values obtained by this calculation correlate very well with the values

determined empirically at room temperature using conventional UV hypochromism and a conventional Hewlett-Packard diode array spectrophotometer (scanning rate of about +1°C/min.) for a solution of

5 oligonucleotide (primer or probe) in 10 mmolar tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane buffer (pH 8.5) having an ionic strength of at least about 60 mmolar provided by one or more inorganic or organic salts, such as  
10 chloride, sodium chloride, and others readily apparent to one skilled in the art. The amount of oligonucleotide and its complement in the solution used to determine the noted formula was sufficient to provide an optical density of from about 0.5 to about  
15 1.0 OD units.

The primers used in the present invention are selected to be "substantially complementary" to the specific nucleic acid sequences to be primed and amplified. This means that they must be sufficiently  
20 complementary to hybridize with the respective nucleic acid sequences to form the desired hybridized products and then be extendable by a DNA polymerase. In the preferred and most practical situation, the primers have exact complementarity to the nucleic acid  
25 sequences of interest.

Primers useful for the amplification and detection of HIV-I DNA include, but are not limited to, those having the sequences in the seven primer sets shown below with the  $T_m$  in parenthesis:

30 Primer set 1:

SEQ ID:NO:1 5'-AGTGGGGGGA CATCAAGCAG CCATGCAA- 3'  
(72.8°C)

SEQ ID:NO:2 5'-TTCCTGCTAT GTCACTTCCC CTTGGTTC-3'  
(70.4°C),

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Primer set 2:

SEQ ID:NO:3 5'-TAGCACCCAC CAGGGCAAAG AGAAGAGT-3'  
(71.6°C)

SEQ ID:NO:4 5'-AGATGCTGTT GCGCCTCAAT AGCCCTCA-3'  
(72.1°C),

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Primer set 3:

SEQ ID:NO:1 5'-AGTGGGGGGA CATCAAGCAG CCATGCAA-3'  
(72.8°C)

10 SEQ ID:NO:5 5'-CTTGTTCTC TCATCTGGCC TGGTGC-3'  
(71.6°C),

Primer set 4:

15 SEQ ID:NO:1 5'-AGTGGGGGGA CATCAAGCAG CCATGCAA-3'  
(72.8°C)

SEQ ID:NO:13 5'-CCTGCTATGT CACTTCCCCT TGGTTCTCTC-3'  
(72.5°C),

Primer set 5:

20 SEQ ID:NO:20 5'-CGTCGTCGTA TAATCCACCT ATCCCAGTAG  
GAGAAAT-3' (71.3°C),

SEQ ID:NO:21 5'-CGTCGTCGTT TTGGTCCTTG TCTTATGTCC  
AGAATGC-3' (73.4°C),

25 Primer set 6:

SEQ ID:NO:22 5'-ATAATCCACC TATCCCAGTA GGAGAAAT-3'  
(66.8°C),

SEQ ID:NO:23 5'-TTTGGTCCTT GTCTTATGTC CAGAATGC-3'  
(68.0°C), and

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Primer set 7:

SEQ ID:NO:24 5'-GATGGATGAC AAATAATCCA CCTATCCCAG  
TAGGAGAAAT-3' (71.2°C),

SEQ ID:NO:25 5'-CTAAAGGGTT CCTTTGGTCC TTGTCTTATG  
TCCAGAATGC-3' (72.9°C).

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The primers of sets 1 and 3-7 are complementary to nucleic acid sequences in the "gag" region of HIV-I DNA, and the primers in set 2 are complementary to nucleic acid sequences in the "env" region of HIV-I DNA. Each primer in each set is not limited to use in that set, but can be used with any primer specific to HIV-I DNA that meets the requirements for primers described herein.

Two primer sets useful for the amplification of nucleic acid sequences in opposing strands of HIV-II DNA have the following sequences (and  $T_m$ 's):

Primer set 8:

SEQ ID:NO:14 5'-AAGTAGACCA ACAGCACCAC CTAGCGG-3'  
(71.8°C)

15 SEQ ID:NO:15 5'-GCAGCCTTCT GAGAGTGCCT GAAATCCTG-3'  
(72.6°C), and

Primer set 9:

SEQ ID:NO:16 5'-GGGATAGTGC AGCAACAGCA ACAGCTGT-3'  
(71.6°C)

20 SEQ ID:NO:17 5'-GTGGCAGACT TGTCTAAACG CACATCCCC-3'  
(72.6°C).

Primers of particular usefulness in the amplification and detection of hCMV DNA include, but are not limited to, those having the sequences in the three primer sets shown below with the  $T_m$  in parenthesis:

Primer set 10:

SEQ ID NO:46: 5'-GAGGCTATTG TAGCCTACAC TTTGG-3' (68.0°C)

30 SEQ ID NO:47: 5'-CAGCACCATC CTCCTCTTCC TCTGG-3' (72.1°C),

Primer set 11:

35 SEQ ID:NO:38 5'-CATTCCCACT GACTTTCTGA CGCACGT-3'  
(70.5°C)

SEQ ID:NO:48 5'-TGAGGTCGTG GAACTTGATG GCGT-3'  
(69.4°C),

and

Primer set 12:

5 SEQ ID NO:10: 5'-TGCACTGCCA GGTGCTTCGG CTCAT-  
3' (72.1°C)

SEQ ID NO:11: 5'-CACCACGCAG CGGCCCTTGA TGTTT-  
3' (72.1°C).

The primers of Set 10 are complementary to  
10 nucleic acid sequences in the "major immediate early"  
region of hCMV DNA, the primers in Set 11 are  
complementary to nucleic acid sequences in the "major  
capsid protein" region of hCMV DNA, and the primers in  
Set 12 are complementary to nucleic acid sequences in  
15 the "late antigen" region of hCMV DNA. The primers  
noted above are not limited in use to the particular  
set, but can be used with any primer for hCMV DNA which  
has the properties noted herein.

Matched primers useful for the amplification  
20 of human papilloma virus (hPV) DNA include, but are not  
limited to:

Primer set 13:

SEQ ID:NO:26 5'-GAGATGGGAA TCCATATGCT GTATGTGAT-3'  
(68°C)

25 SEQ ID:NO:27 5'-GGACACAGTG GCTTTTGACA GTTAATACA-3'  
(68°C),

Primer set 14:

30 SEQ ID:NO:28 5'-GATGGTCCAG CTGGACAAGC AGAAC-3'  
(70.7°C)

SEQ ID:NO:29 5'-CCTAGTGTGC CCATTAAACAG GTCTTC-3'  
(69.3°C),

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SEQ ID:NO:31 5'-GGTGGACAAT CACCTGGATT TACTGCAAC-3'  
(70.3°C),

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10 SEQ ID:NO:33 5'-CCCAGTGTTA GTTAGTTTTT CCAATGTGTC TG-  
3'  
(69°C),

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SEQ ID:NO:35 5'-TGCTCGGTTG CAGCACGAAT GGCACT-3'  
(71.9°C),

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SEQ ID:NO:37 5'-GGACACACAA AGGACAGGGT GTTCAGAAA-3'  
(70.3°C), and

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SEQ ID:NO:39      5'-GCGACTCAGA GGAAGAAAAC GATG-3'  
(68°C).

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Matched primers useful for the amplification of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Mtb) DNA include, but are not limited to:

Primer set 20:

SEQ ID:NO:40 5'-GAGATCGAGC TGGAGGATCC GTACG-3'  
(72.1°C)

SEQ ID:NO:41 5'-AGCTGCAGCC CAAAGGTGTT GGACT-3'  
(70.7°C), and

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Primer set 21:

SEQ ID:NO:42 5'-TCAGCCGCGT CCACGCCGCG A-3'  
(75°C)

10 SEQ ID:NO:43 5'-CCTGCGAGCG TAGGCGTCGG-3'  
(73.3°C).

SEQ ID:NO:42 is slightly outside the claimed range of matched primers, but PCR is still possible using it, although not as efficiently for "multiplexing".

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A matched primer set useful for the amplification of *Mycobacterium avium* (Mav) DNA, is as follows:

Primer set 22:

20 SEQ ID:NO:44 5'-GAGATCGCCA CCTTCGGCAA-3'  
(68.2°C)

SEQ ID:NO:45 5'-GAGCAGTTCG GTGGCGTTCA-3'  
(68.2°C).

25 A matched primer set useful for the amplification of the thymidine kinase gene of Herpes simplex virus 1 (HSV-1) DNA is as follows:

Primer set 23:

SEQ ID:NO:63 5'-CCGGGAGATG GGGGAGGCTA ACTGA-3'  
(73.5°C)

30 SEQ ID:NO:64 5'-GGGGTGGGGA AAAGGAAGAA ACGCG-3'  
(72.1°C).

35 Primers useful for the amplification and detection of additional target nucleic acids would be readily determinable by a skilled worker in the art by consultation with the considerable literature in this

field to determine appropriate nucleic acid sequences of target nucleic acids. Those sequences can then be used as patterns for preparing primers using known technology. The primers can be readily screened by  
5 determining if they have the requisite  $T_m$  (using appropriate methods defined above) and other requirements as defined above.

Primers useful herein can be prepared using known techniques and equipment, including for example,  
10 an ABI DNA Synthesizer (available from Applied Biosystems) or a Biosearch 8600 Series or 8800 Series Synthesizer (available from Milligen-Biosearch, Inc.). Procedures for using this equipment are well known and described for example in US-A-4,965,188, incorporated  
15 herein by reference. Naturally occurring primers isolated from biological sources may also be useful (such as restriction endonuclease digests).

As used herein, a "probe" is an oligonucleotide which is substantially complementary to  
20 a nucleic acid sequence of the target nucleic acid (for example, HIV-I DNA or any additional target nucleic acid) and which is used for detection or capture of the amplified target nucleic acid. The probes generally have from 10 to 40 nucleotides, and a  $T_m$  greater than  
25 about 50°C. Moreover, the probes are hybridizable with a nucleic acid sequence of the particular target nucleic acid at a temperature in the range of from about 40 to about 55°C (preferably in the range of from about 45 to about 53°C). In the use of a multiplicity  
30 of probes for simultaneously capturing a multiplicity of amplified target nucleic acids in the practice of this invention, all of the capture probes have  $T_m$ 's which differ by no more than about 15°C. Preferably, the capture probe  $T_m$ 's used simultaneously differ by no  
35 more than about 5°C.

Representative capture probes for HIV-I DNA include, but are not limited to, the following oligonucleotides, with the  $T_m$ 's in parenthesis:

5 SEQ ID:NO:6 5'-GAGACCATCA ATGAGGAAGC TGCAGAAT-3' (69.2°C), and  
SEQ ID:NO:7 5'-GTGCAGCAGC AGAACAATTT GCTGAGGG-3' (71.6°C).

10 The first listed probe is complementary to a nucleic acid sequence in the the "gag" region of HIV-I DNA, and the second listed probe is complementary to a nucleic acid sequence in the "env" region of HIV-I DNA.

15 Representative capture probes useful in the detection of an amplified nucleic acid sequence of HIV-II DNA include, but are not limited to, the following (with  $T_m$ ):

SEQ ID:NO:18 5'-GAGGAAAAGA AGTTCGGGGC AGAAGT-3' (69.3°C), and  
SEQ ID:NO:19 5'-CAACAAGAAA TGTTCGCGACT GACCGTCT-3' (69.2°C).

20 Representative useful capture probes for hCMV DNA include, but are not limited to, the following oligonucleotides, with the  $T_m$  in parenthesis:

SEQ ID:NO:8 5'-GGTGTACCCC CCAGAGTCCC CTGTACCCGC-3' (78.1°C),  
25 SEQ ID:NO:49 5'-GACACAGTGT CCTCCCGCTC CTCCTGAGCA-3' (75.9°C),  
SEQ ID:NO:50 5'-GTGGAAGGCG GCTCGCTGGA AGCCGGTCGT-3' (78.1°C),  
SEQ ID:NO:12 5'-GAACCGAGGG CCGGCTCACC TCTATGTTGG-3' (75.9°C), and  
30 SEQ ID:NO:62 5'-GGTCATCGCC GTAGTAGATG CGTAAGGCCT-3' (73.6°C).

35 The first two listed probes are complementary to nucleic acid sequences in the "major immediate early" region of hCMV DNA, the next two listed probes

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SEQ ID:NO:52      5'-AATATTGTAA CCTTTTGTTG CAAGTGTGAC TC-  
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SEQ ID:NO:53     5'-CCTATAGGTG GTTTGCAACC AATTAAACAC-3'  
(67.9°C),

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Capture probes useful for the detection of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Mtb) DNA include, but are not limited to:

SEQ ID:NO:58 5'-CTCGTCCAGC GCCGCTTCGG-3' (73.3°C).

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SEQ ID: NO: 60 5'-~~GAGCAGATCG~~-CTGEEACCGC-~~CGGTATCTCC~~-3' (78.1°C).

SEQ ID:NO:61 5'-GAGCAGATCG CTGCCACCGC CGGTATCTCC-3'  
(77°C).

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Additional PCR reagents necessary for PCR include a thermostable DNA polymerase, a DNA polymerase cofactor and appropriate dNTP's. These reagents can be provided individually, as part of a test kit, in reagent chambers of a test device, or in the composition of this invention.

A thermostable DNA polymerase is an enzyme which will add deoxynucleoside monophosphate molecules to the 3' hydroxy end of the primer in a complex of primer and template, but this addition is in a template

dependent manner (that is, dependent upon the specific nucleotides in the template). Synthesis of extension products proceeds in the 5' to 3' direction of the newly synthesized strand (or in the 3' to 5' direction of the template) until synthesis is terminated.

The DNA polymerase is "thermostable" meaning that it is stable to heat and preferentially active at higher temperatures, especially the high temperatures used for priming and extension of DNA strands. More particularly, the thermostable DNA polymerases are not substantially inactivated at the high temperatures used in polymerase chain reactions as described herein. Such temperatures will vary depending upon a number of reaction conditions, including pH, the nucleotide composition of the target nucleic acid and primers, the length of primer, salt concentration and other conditions known in the art and will be in the ranges noted below.

A number of thermostable DNA polymerases have been reported in the art, including those mentioned in detail in US-A-4,965,188 and US-A-4,889,818 (Gelfand et al), both incorporated herein by reference. Particularly useful polymerases are those obtained from various *Thermus* bacterial species, such as *Thermus aquaticus*, *Thermus thermophilus*, *Thermus filiformis* or *Thermus flavus*. Other useful thermostable polymerases are obtained from a variety of other microbial sources including *Thermococcus litoralis*, *Pyrococcus furiosus*, *Thermotoga* sp. and those described in WO-A-89/06691 (published July 27, 1989). Some useful polymerases are commercially available. A number of techniques are known for isolating naturally-occurring polymerases from organisms, and for producing genetically engineered enzymes using recombinant techniques, as

noted in the art cited in this paragraph and as described in EP-A-0 482 714 (published April 29, 1992).

5 A DNA polymerase cofactor refers to a nonprotein compound on which the enzyme depends for activity. Thus, the enzyme is catalytically inactive without the presence of the cofactor. A number of such materials are known cofactors including manganese and magnesium compounds. Such compounds contain the manganese or magnesium in such a form that divalent cations are released into an aqueous solution. Useful cofactors include, but are not limited to, manganese and magnesium salts, such as chlorides, sulfates, acetates and fatty acid salts (for example, butyric, caproic, caprylic, capric and lauric acid salts). The smaller salts, that is chlorides, sulfates and acetates, are preferred.

Magnesium salts, such as magnesium chlorides and sulfates are most preferred in the practice of the invention.

20 Also needed for PCR is a deoxyribonucleoside-5'-triphosphate (a dNTP), such as dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP or dUTP. Analogues such as dITP and 7-deaza-dGTP are also useful. The preferred materials, dATP, dCTP, dGTP and dTTP, are used collectively in the assays.

25 The PCR reagents described herein are provided and used in PCR in any concentration suitable for a given process. The minimal amounts of primers, thermostable DNA polymerase, cofactors and deoxyribonucleotide-5'-triphosphates needed for amplification and suitable ranges of each are well known in the art. Preferably, from about 0.1 to about 50 units of thermostable DNA polymerase per 100  $\mu$ l of reaction mixture are used for PCR, depending upon the particular activity of a given enzyme. A "unit" is defined herein as the amount of enzyme



activity required to incorporate 10 nmoles of total nucleotides (dNTP's) into an extending nucleic acid chain in 30 minutes at 74°C. More preferably, from about 10 to about 25 units of DNA polymerase/100 µl of solution are used. The amount of primer is at least about 0.075 µmolar with from about 0.1 to about 2 µmolar being preferred, but other amounts are well known in the art. The cofactor is generally present in an amount of from about 2 to about 15 mmolar. Each dNTP is present at from about 0.25 to about 3.5 mmolar (about 1 to about 14 mmolar for total of four common dNTP's).

The aqueous composition of this invention is buffered to a pH of from about 7 to about 9 (preferably from about 8 to about 8.5) using one or more suitable buffers including, but not limited to, tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (or salts thereof) and others readily apparent to one skilled in the art.

A particularly useful composition of this invention is a buffered mixture of the primers noted herein, a magnesium cofactor as noted above, each of dATP, dCTP, dGTP and dTTP as noted above, gelatin or a similar hydrophilic colloidal material (in an amount of at least about 5%, by weight), and an alkali metal salt (such as sodium chloride or potassium chloride) present in an amount of from about 10 to about 100 mmolar. More preferably, this composition also includes an appropriate amount of a thermostable DNA polymerase (as described above), and a monoclonal antibody to such DNA polymerase, which antibody inhibits its enzymatic activity at temperatures below about 50°C, but which antibody is deactivated at higher temperatures. Representative monoclonal antibodies are described in U.S.S.N.

07/958,144 (filed October 7, 1992 by Scalice et al).  
Two such monoclonal antibodies are readily obtained  
by a skilled artisan using conventional procedures,  
and starting materials including either of hybridoma  
5 cell lines HB 11126 and 11127 deposited with the  
American Type Culture Collection (Rockville,  
Maryland). The monoclonal antibody is present in an  
amount of from about 5:1 to 500:1 molar ratio to the  
DNA polymerase (preferably from 25:1 to 100:1 molar  
10 ratio).

One preferred composition of this invention  
is shown in Example 1 below.

In one embodiment of this invention, a method  
for preparing a reaction mixture for polymerase chain  
15 reaction of two or more target DNA's comprises:

A) choosing a set of primers for each distinct  
target DNA, the primers in each set chosen to be  
specific to and hybridizable with nucleic acid  
sequences which are in opposing strands of a distinct  
20 target DNA and which are separated from each other  
along the opposing strands of the distinct target DNA  
by from 90 to 400 nucleotides

each of the primers in each primer set having  
a  $T_m$  within the range of from about 65 to about 74°C,  
25 all of the primer  $T_m$ 's being within about 5°C of each  
other, and the primers in each set having nucleotide  
lengths which differ from each other by no more than 5  
nucleotides,

the  $T_m$ 's being calculated using the formula:

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$$T_m (^{\circ}\text{C}) = 67.5 + 0.34(\%G + C) - 395/N$$

wherein G and C represent the number of guanine and  
cytosine nucleotides, respectively, and N represents  
the total number of nucleotides, and

B) mixing the sets of primers chosen in step A)  
35 with:

a DNA polymerase cofactor in an amount of from about 2 to about 15 mmolar, and

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by heating the specimen suspected of containing the targeted nucleic acid at a first temperature of from about 85 to about 100°C for a suitable time, for example from about 1 second to 3 minutes.

5           The denatured strands are then cooled to a temperature which is generally in the range of from about 55 to about 70°C for priming the strands. The time needed for cooling the denatured strands will vary depending upon the type of apparatus used for the PCR  
10 process.

          Once the denatured strands are cooled to the second temperature, the reaction mixture containing PCR reagents is incubated at a suitable temperature to effect formation of primer extension products.  
15 Generally, this temperature is at least about 50°C, and preferably in the range of from about 62 to about 75°C. The time for incubation can vary widely depending upon the incubation temperature and the length of extension products desired, but in preferred embodiments, it is  
20 from about 1 to about 120 seconds. Each cycle of PCR can be carried out using either two or three different temperatures, one for denaturation, and a second and/or third temperature for priming and/or primer extension product formation. That is, some PCR processes utilize  
25 a second temperature for priming and a third temperature for primer extension. Preferably, in the practice of this invention, the same temperature is used for both priming and primer extension.

          If the hybridized primer extension products  
30 are then denatured, PCR can be carried out further in as many cycles of priming, extension and denaturation as desired. Generally, at least 20 cycles will be carried out, with from 20 to 50 cycles being preferred.

          The amplification method of this invention is  
35 preferably conducted in a continuous, automated manner

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Further details regarding useful PCR processing equipment can be obtained from the considerable literature in this field, and would be readily ascertained by one skilled in the art.

It is also useful for the method of this invention to be carried out in a suitable container. The most crude container would be a test tube, cuvette, flask or beaker, but more sophisticated containers have been fashioned in order to facilitate automated procedures for performing the method (see for example, WO-A-91/12342). For example, cuvette and chemical test packs (also known as pouches), constructed to provide certain temperature characteristics during the practice of the method, are described in US-A-4,902,624 (Columbus et al), US-A-5,173,260 (Zander et al) and recently allowed U.S.S.N. 07/962,159 (filed October 15, 1992 by Schnipelsky et al), all incorporated herein by reference. Such test packs have a multiplicity of reagent chambers having various reagents, buffers and other materials which are useful at various stages in the amplification or detection method. The aqueous composition of this invention can be incorporated into a reaction chamber for use in PCR. The packs can be appropriately and rapidly heated and cooled in cycles to promote the various steps of the amplification method of this invention. Other useful containers could be suitably fashioned for automated or single use of the method of this invention.

Detection of the amplified target DNA's can be accomplished in a number of known ways, such as those described in US-A-4,965,188 (noted above). For example, it can be detected using Southern blotting or dot blot techniques. Alternatively, amplification can be carried out using primers that are appropriately labeled (such as with a radioisotope), and the amplified primer extension products are detected using procedures and equipment for detection of radioisotopic emissions.

5 primer extension products. Procedures for  
attaching labels and preparing probes are well  
known in the art, for example, as described by  
Agrawal et al, *Nucleic Acid Res.*, 14, pp. 6227-45  
(1986), US-A-4,914,210 (Levenson et al) relating  
10 to biotin labels, US-A-4,962,029 (Levenson et al)  
relating to enzyme labels, and the references  
noted therein. Useful labels include  
radioisotopes, electron-dense reagents,  
chromogens, fluorogens, phosphorescent moieties,  
15 ferritin and other magnetic particles (see US-A-  
4,795,698 issued to Owen et al and US-A-4,920,061  
issued to Poynton et al), chemiluminescent  
moieties and enzymes (which are preferred).  
Useful enzymes include, glucose oxidase,  
20 peroxidases, uricase, alkaline phosphatase and  
others known in the art and can be attached to  
oligonucleotides using known procedures.  
Substrate reagents which provide a  
chemiluminescent or colorimetric signal in the  
25 presence of a particular enzyme label would be  
readily apparent to one skilled in the art.

Where the label is a preferred enzyme such as a peroxidase, at some point in the assay, hydrogen peroxide and a suitable dye-forming composition are added to provide a detectable dye (that is, a colorimetric signal). For example, useful dye-providing reagents include tetramethylbenzidine and derivatives thereof, and leuco dyes, such as triarylimidazole leuco dyes (as described in US-A-4,089,747 of Bruschi), or

other compounds which react to provide a dye in the presence of peroxidase and an oxidant such as hydrogen peroxide. Particularly useful dye-providing compositions are described in US-A-5,024,935 (McClune et al), incorporated herein by reference. Chemiluminescent signals can be generated using acridinium salts or luminol and similar compounds in combination with enhancers in the presence of peroxidase.

10           Detection of the presence of the probe which is in the complementary product can be achieved using suitable detection equipment and procedures which are well known. Certain probes may be visible to the eye without the use of  
15           detection equipment.

          In a preferred embodiment, one or both of the primers in each primer set used to detect a target nucleic acid is labeled with a specific binding moiety. The specific binding moiety can  
20           be the same or different for each set of primers. Such labels include any molecule for which there is a receptor molecule that reacts specifically with the specific binding moiety. Examples of specific binding pairs (one of which can be the  
25           label) include, but are not limited to, avidin/biotin, streptavidin/biotin, sugar/lectin, antibody/hapten, antibody/antigen and others readily apparent to one skilled in the art. The receptor is then conjugated with a detectable  
30           label moiety, such as an enzyme using known technology.

          Most preferably, one or both primers of each primer set are labeled with biotin (or a equivalent derivative thereof), and the amplified  
35           target nucleic acid is detected using a conjugate



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wool. It can be made of a number of materials including glass, ceramics, metals, naturally occurring or synthetic polymers, cellulosic materials, filter materials and others readily apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art. Particularly useful solid support materials are polymeric or magnetic particles generally having an average particle size of from about 0.001 to about 10  $\mu$ meters. Further details about such preferred polymeric particles, including useful monomers, methods of preparing them and attachment of receptor molecules, are provided in US-A-4,997,772 (Sutton et al), US-A-5,147,777 (Sutton et al), US-A-5,155,166 (Danielson et al), all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

The detection can also be carried out by immobilizing a capture probe or capture reagent on a flat substrate, such as the microporous filtration membranes described above, or on thin polymeric films, uncoated papers or polymer coated papers, a number of which are known in the art. Other details about such materials are provided in U.S.S.N. 07/571,560 (filed September 4, 1990 as a CIP of U.S.S.N. 07/306,954, filed February 3, 1989 by Findlay et al, and corresponding to EP-A-0 408 738, published January 23, 1991).

Particularly useful arrangements of a capture reagent are described, for example, in U.S.S.N. 07/837,772 (filed February 18, 1992 by Sutton et al, corresponding to WO 92/16659, published October 1, 1992) and US-A-5,173,260 (noted above). The capture probes are covalently attached (either directly or through chemical linking groups) to the same type of polymeric particles, and the resulting capture reagents are immobilized on a heat or ultrasonic sealable

support (for example, a sheet, membrane, fibrous mat, film). One particularly useful sealable support is a laminate of polyethylene and a polyester such as polyethylene terephthalate. The capture reagents can be disposed in distinct regions on the water-insoluble support which is part of a suitable test device (as described above). Such test devices can also be defined as diagnostic elements. For example, the support can have disposed thereon a plurality of stripes or spots of various capture reagents. The multiplicity of capture probes arranged in defined regions on such supports all have the  $T_m$  values as described above, that is the  $T_m$  values differ by no more than about 15°C (preferably by no more than about 5°C).

Thus, according to one embodiment of this invention, a diagnostic element comprises a water-insoluble, heat or ultrasonic sealable support, having disposed thereon in distinct regions thereof, a plurality (two or more) of capture reagents,

each of the capture reagents having a capture probe specific for and hybridizable with a distinct (that is, unique to that capture probe) target DNA associated with an infectious agent at a temperature of from about 40 to about 55°C, each of the capture probes having from 10 to 40 nucleotides and a  $T_m$  greater than about 50°C, and the  $T_m$ 's of all capture probes differing by no more than about 15°C.

The present invention includes diagnostic test kits which can include the composition of this invention, an additional PCR reagent and other materials, equipment and instructions needed to carry out the method of the invention. The kits can include one or more detection or capture probes, multiple

primer sets and test devices for the assays. In some embodiments, the kit components are separately packaged for use in a suitable container or test device. In other embodiments, the kit contains a test device having within separate compartments, some or all of the reagents and compositions needed for the assay. In such embodiments, the separate packaging of the kit components can be within a single test device.

The following examples are included to illustrate the practice of this invention, and are not meant to be limiting in any way. All percentages are by weight unless otherwise noted.

Materials and Methods for Examples:

Recombinant DNA polymerase from *Thermus aquaticus* was prepared using known procedures, such as that described in EP-A-0 482 714 (noted above) and had an activity of about 250,000 units/mg of protein.

The primers and probes were prepared using known starting materials and procedures using an Applied Biosystems Model 380B, three column DNA synthesizer using standard phosphoramidite chemistry and the ABI 1  $\mu$ molar scale, fast cycle protocol. Nucleoside-3'-phosphoramidites and nucleoside derivatized controlled pore glass supports were obtained from Applied Biosystems. The primers had the sequences identified above. They were functionalized at the 5' end with two tetraethylene glycol spacers followed by a single commercially available DuPont biotin phosphoramidite. The probes were functionalized at the 3' end with two tetraethylene glycol spacers followed by a single aminodiol linking group according to US-A-4,914,210 (noted above). All purifications were carried out using a nucleic acid purification column, followed by reversed phase HPLC techniques.

The novel oligonucleotides of this invention having the sequences:

- 5 SEQ ID:NO:26 5'-GAGATGGGAA TCCATATGCT GTATGTGAT-3',  
SEQ ID:NO:27 5'-GGACACAGTG GCTTTTGACA GTTAATACA-3',  
5 SEQ ID:NO:28 5'-GATGGTCCAG CTGGACAAGC AGAAC-3',  
SEQ ID:NO:29 5'-CCTAGTGTGC CCATTAACAG GTCTTC-3',  
SEQ ID:NO:30 5'-GACACAGAAA ATGCTAGTGC TTATGCAGC-3',  
SEQ ID:NO:31 5'-GGTGGACAAT CACCTGGATT TACTGCAAC-3',  
SEQ ID:NO:32 5'-CCTGATCTGT GCACGGAAC GAACACT-3',  
10 SEQ ID:NO:33 5'-CCCAGTGTTA GTTAGTTTTT CCAATGTGTC TG-  
3',  
SEQ ID:NO:34 5'-TGCCTGCGGT GCCAGAAACC GTTGAAT-3',  
SEQ ID:NO:35 5'-TGCTCGGTTG CAGCACGAAT GGCAC-3',  
SEQ ID:NO:36 5'-GAGCCGAACC ACAACGTCAC ACAATGTT-3',  
15 SEQ ID:NO:37 5'-GGACACACAA AGGACAGGGT GTTCAGAAA-3',  
SEQ ID:NO:39 5'-GCGACTCAGA GGAAGAAAAC GATG-3',  
SEQ ID:NO:40 5'-GAGATCGAGC TGGAGGATCC GTACG-3',  
SEQ ID:NO:41 5'-AGCTGCAGCC CAAAGGTGTT GGACT-3',  
SEQ ID:NO:51 5'-GGAACAACAT TAGAACAGCA ATACAACAAA CCG-  
20 3',  
SEQ ID:NO:52 5'-AATATTGTAA CCTTTTGTTG CAAGTGTGAC TC-  
3',  
SEQ ID:NO:53 5'-CCTATAGGTG GTTTGCAACC AATTAAACAC-3',  
SEQ ID:NO:54 5'-GAGGTATTTG AATTTGCATT TAAAGATTTA  
TTTGT-3',  
25 SEQ ID:NO:55 5'-GCAAGACAGT ATTGGAACCT ACAGAGG-3',  
SEQ ID:NO:56 5'-GTGTTGTAAG TGTGAAGCCA GATTTGA-3',  
SEQ ID:NO:57 5'-GAGCAGATTG CGGCCACCGC AGCGATTTTCG-3',  
SEQ ID:NO:63 5'-CCGGGAGATG GGGGAGGCTA ACTGA-3',  
30 SEQ ID:NO:64 5'-GGGGTGGGGA AAAGGAAGAA ACGCG-3', and  
SEQ ID:NO:65 5'-AAAGACAGAA TAAACGCAC GGGTGTTCGG TCG-  
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were prepared using the procedures just described.

Deoxyribonucleotides (dNTP's) were obtained  
35 from Sigma Chemical Co.

07/958,144 (filed October 7, 1975)  
Generally, it was prepared from the immune cells of DNA  
polymerase immunized mice using conventional  
procedures, such as those described by Milstein et al,  
Nature 256, pp. 495-497, 1975 and hybridoma cell lines  
(either HB 11126 or 11127 from ATCC), whereby antibody  
secreting cells of the host animal were isolated from  
lymphoid tissue (such as the spleen) and fused with  
SP2/0-Ag14 murine myeloma cells in the presence of  
polyethylene glycol, diluted into selective media and  
plated in multiwell tissue culture dishes. About 7-14  
days later, the hybridoma cells containing the  
antibodies were harvested, and purified using  
conventional techniques.

20 (126  $\mu\text{l/l}$ ), casein (0.5%) and mercurochrome (0.005%).  
A wash solution (pH 7.4) contained sodium  
phosphate, monobasic 1-hydrate (25 mmolar), sodium  
chloride (373 mmolar), (ethylenedinitrilo)tetracetic  
acid disodium salt (2.5 mmolar),  
25 ethylmercurithiosalicylic acid sodium salt (25  $\mu\text{molar}$ ),  
and decyl sodium sulfate (38 mmolar).

HIV-I DNA was extracted from the HUT/AAV 78  
cell line using conventional procedures, and following

cell lysis and protein digestion, was purified by phenol/chloroform extraction: tris-saturated phenol (750 µl) was added to the cell suspension, and phenol/lysate solutions were mixed and separated by centrifugation. The aqueous phase was then transferred into a fresh 2 ml tube. This procedure was repeated using chloroform isoamyl alcohol. The aqueous layer was brought to 0.3 molar sodium acetate. Nucleic acids were precipitated by adding 95% cold ethanol and storing at -70°C for 1 hour. The concentration of HIV-I DNA was then determined at A<sub>260</sub> and serial dilutions of varying copy number were made in TE buffer [tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (1 mmolar) and (ethylenedinitrilo)tetraacetic acid (0.1 mmolar)] for experimental use. A sample (10 µl) of the diluted solutions was added to each PCR reaction mixture (300 µl).

Pure hCMV DNA was obtained by purifying commercially available crude hCMV DNA (Advanced Biotech's strain AD169) using a conventional sucrose gradient and phenol/chloroform extraction procedures. The concentration of hCMV DNA was then determined at A<sub>260</sub> and target dilutions of varying calculations of copy number were made for experimental use in TE buffer [tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (1 mmolar), ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (0.1 mmolar)]. A sample (10 µl) of the diluted solutions were added to 300 µl of PCR reaction mixture.

Two "nonsense" probes were used as control reagents for the assays to amplify and detect HIV-I DNA and had the sequences:

SEQ ID:NO:8

5'-GGTGTACCCC CCAGAGTCCC CTGTACCCGC-3'

SEQ ID:NO:9

5'-ATCCTGGGAT TAAATAAAAT AGTAAGAATG TATAGCCCTA C-3'

The same "nonsense" probes were used as controls for the hCMV DNA assays also.

Capture reagents were prepared by attaching the capture probes identified above to particles of poly[styrene-co-3-(p-vinylbenzylthio)propionic acid] (95:5 molar ratio, 1  $\mu$ m average diameter) in the following manner. A suspension of the particles in water was washed twice with 2-(N-morpholino)ethanesulfonic acid buffer (0.1 molar, pH 6), and suspended to approximately 10% solids. A sample (3.3 ml) of the washed particles, diluted to 3.33% solids in the buffer (0.1 molar), was mixed with 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (2.1 ml of 84 mg/ml water) and the appropriate probe (983  $\mu$ l of 44.44 OD/ml nanopure water). The resulting suspension was heated at 50°C in a water bath for about two hours with intermittent mixing and centrifuged. The particles were washed three times with tris(hydroxy-methyl)aminomethane buffer (0.01 molar, pH 8) containing (ethylenedinitrilo)tetraacetic acid disodium salt (0.0001 molar) and resuspended therein to 4% solids.

Capture probes used for the detection of amplified HIV-I DNA were SEQ ID:NO:6 and SEQ ID:NO:7, with the first one being for the "gag" region of HIV-I DNA and the second one for the "env" region of HIV-I DNA.

Control capture reagents were similarly prepared using the "nonsense" probes identified above.

All of the capture reagents were mounted on a heat sealable polyethylene/polyester laminate (treated by corona discharge) in test devices prepared as described in WO-A-92/16659 (noted above) so that the assay fluids and reagents contacted all of the capture reagents at about the same time. PCR was carried out



using an automated Kodak PCR processor which is described in detail in US-A-5,089,233, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Primers (and  $T_m$ ) used for the amplification and detection of hCMV DNA were as follows:

SEQ ID:NO:10 5'-TGCACTGCCA GGTGCTTCGG CTCAT-3' (72.1°C), and

SEQ ID:NO:11 5'-CACCACGCAG CGGCCCTTGA TGTTT-3' (72.1°C).

A capture reagent for hCMV DNA was prepared as described above using the following capture probe ( $T_m$ ):

SEQ ID:NO:12 5'-GAACCGAGGG CCGGCTCACC TCTATGTTGG-3' (75.8°C).

Other reagents and materials were obtained either from commercial sources or prepared using readily available starting materials and conventional procedures.

The following examples are included to illustrate the practice of this invention, and are not meant to be limiting in any way. All percentages are by weight unless otherwise indicated.

Example 1 Buffered Composition Containing HIV-I DNA Primers

One preferred composition of this invention was prepared by mixing primers with additional PCR reagents. This composition contained tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane hydrochloride buffer (10 mmolar, pH 8), tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane buffer (6.86 mmolar), potassium chloride (50 mmolar), ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (686  $\mu$ molar), magnesium chloride (10 mmolar), gelatin (100  $\mu$ g/ml), dATP, dCTP, dGTP and dTTP (1.5 mmolar of each), glycerol (9.5%), primers (0.4  $\mu$ molar of each), DNA polymerase identified above (48 units/300  $\mu$ l), and a monoclonal antibody

specific to DNA polymerase identified above (50:1 molar ratio to DNA polymerase). The primers included were those identified as SEQ ID:NO:1 and SEQ ID:NO:5 which are specific to nucleic acid sequences in the "gag" region of HIV-I DNA, and SEQ ID:NO:3 and SEQ ID:NO:4 which are specific to nucleic acid sequences in the "env" region of HIV-I DNA. The composition also contained phenol/chloroform purified CEM cells (normal uninfected lymphocytes, at either 2.75 or 6 µg/300 µl) to simulate a human blood sample.

Example 2 Simultaneous Amplification and Detection of HIV-I DNA and hCMV DNA

This example demonstrates the practice of the present invention using the composition described in Example 1 to simultaneously detect HIV-I DNA along with hCMV DNA, except that the composition further contained 0.4 µmolar of each of the primers identified above as SEQ ID:NO:10 and SEQ ID:NO:11.

Twenty-four assays were carried out to detect the following various concentrations of the target nucleic acids in the test samples having two different amounts of CEM cells:

Sample a) 20,000 copies of hCMV DNA and 20,000 copies of HIV-I DNA,

Sample b) 500 copies of hCMV DNA and 500 copies of HIV-I DNA,

Sample c) 100 copies of hCMV DNA and 100 copies of HIV-I

DNA,

Sample d) 100 copies of hCMV DNA and 20,000 copies of HIV-I

DNA,

DNA, and

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Amplification:

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Read the dye signal.

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35 density). In each figure, the first set of bar

graphs are assays whereby 2.75 µg CEM cells were present, and the second set of bar graphs are assays whereby 6 µg CEM cells were present. Also, in all figures, the first bar (identified as "1") in each set of bars represents the signal from hCMV DNA ("late antigen" region), the second bar (identified as "2") represents the signal from HIV-I DNA ("gag" region), and the third bar (identified as "3") represents the signal from HIV-I DNA ("env" region). The dye signals for both Control capture reagents were essentially zero, so they are not illustrated on the bar graphs.

Example 3 Amplification and Detection of HIV-I DNA Alone

This example was carried out similarly to Example 2 for the amplification and detection of two nucleic acid sequences of HIV-I DNA ("gag" and "env" regions) only in Samples a)-f) using the composition of Example 1 (6 µg CEM cells only).

FIG. 7 shows the dye signal results of the PCR process for the two replicates of each of Samples a)-c), and FIG. 8 shows the dye signal results of the PCR process for the replicates of each of Samples d)-f). Clear signals were observed for the presence of HIV-I DNA (bars identified as "2" and "3"). Small background signals were also observed (bar identified as "1" in each set of bar graphs).

Example 4 Buffered Composition Containing hCMV DNA Primers

Another preferred composition of this invention was prepared by mixing primers with additional PCR reagents. This composition contained tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane hydrochloride buffer

(10 mmolar, pH 8), potassium chloride (50 mmolar), magnesium chloride (10 mmolar), gelatin (100 µg/ml), dATP, dCTP, dGTP and dTTP (1.5 mmolar of each), glycerol (7.5%), primers (0.4 µmolar of each), DNA  
5 polymerase identified above (48 units/300 µl), and a monoclonal antibody specific to DNA polymerase identified above (50:1 molar ratio to DNA polymerase). The primers included were those identified as SEQ ID:NO:10 and 11 which are specific to nucleic acid  
10 sequences of hCMV DNA. The composition also contained phenol/chloroform purified CEM cells (normal uninfected lymphocytes, at either 2.75 or 6 µg/300 µl) to simulate a human blood sample.

15 Example 5 Amplification and Detection of hCMV DNA Alone

This example was carried out similarly to Example 2 for the amplification and detection of hCMV DNA ("late antigen" region only) in Samples a)-f)  
20 using the composition of Example 4 (2.75 µg CEM cells only).

FIG. 9 shows the dye signal results of the PCR process for the two replicates of each of Samples a)-c), and FIG. 10 shows the dye signal results of  
25 the PCR process for the replicates of each of Samples d)-f). Clear signals were observed for the presence of hCMV DNA (bar graphs labeled "1"). Small background signals were also observed (labeled as "2" and "3", respectively in each set of bar graphs) from  
30 the presence of HIV-I DNA ("gag" and "env" regions).

The invention has been described in detail with particular reference to preferred embodiments thereof, but it will be understood that variations and modifications can be effected within the spirit  
35 and scope of the invention.

## (1) GENERAL INFORMATION

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AGTGGGGGGA CATCAAGCAG CCATGCAA 28

(3) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:2

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 28 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HIV-I DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:2

TTCCTGCTAT GTCACCTCCC CTTGGTTC 28

(4) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:3

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 28 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HIV-I DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:3

TAGCACCCAC CAGGGCAAAG AGAAGAGT 28



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(A) LENGTH: 28 nucleotides  
(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid  
(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single  
(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

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(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEO ID:NO:6

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GAGACCATCA ATGAGGAAGC TGCAGAAT 28

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(A) LENGTH: 28 nucleotides  
(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid  
(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single  
(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:7

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GTGCAGCAGC AGAACAATTT GCTGAGGG 28

(9) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:8

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 30 nucleotidses

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Nonsense probe

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: Unknown

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:8

GGTGTCACCC CCAGAGTCCC CTGTACCCGC 30

(10) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:9

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 41 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Oligonucleotide from HIV-I  
DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: Unknown

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:9

ATCCTGGGAT TAAATAAAAT AGTAAGAATG TATAGCCCTA C 41

(11) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:10

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 25 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

5 (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for hCMV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

10 (vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:10

TGCACTGCCA GGTGCTTCGG CTCAT 25

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(12) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:11

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 25 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

20 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for hCMV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

25 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: U.S. 5,147,777

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:11

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CACCACGCAG CGGCCCTTGA TGTTT 25

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(13) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:12

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 30 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(L) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for hCMV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: U.S. 5,147,777

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:12

GAACCGAGGG CCGGCTCACC TCTATGTTGG 30

(14) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:13

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 30 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HIV-I DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:13

CCTGCTATGT CACTTCCCCT TGGTTCTCTC 30

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(15) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:14

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 27 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HIV-II DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

10 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:14

15 AAGTAGACCA ACAGCACCAC CTAGCGG 27

(16) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:15

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 29 nucleotides

20 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HIV-II DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

25 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:15

30 GCAGCCTTCT GAGAGTGCCT GAAATCCTG 29

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(17) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:16

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 28 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HIV-II DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

10 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:16

15 GGGATAGTGC AGCAACAGCA ACAGCTGT 28

(18) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:17

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 29 nucleotides

20 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HIV-II DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

25 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:17

30 GTGGCAGACT TGTCTAAACG CACATCCCC 29

006250 82852960

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:  
 (A) LENGTH: 26 nucleotides  
 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear  
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for HIV-II DNA  
 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No  
 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No  
 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared  
 (vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same  
 (x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None  
 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:18

(20) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:19

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 28 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for HIV-II DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:19

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CAACAAGAAA TGTTGCGACT GACCGTCT 28



(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:  
 (A) LENGTH: 37 nucleotides  
 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear  
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HIV-I DNA  
 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No  
 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No  
 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared  
 (vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same  
 (x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: Unknown  
 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:20

CGTCGTCGTA TAATCCACCT ATCCCAGTAG GAGAAAT 37

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:  
 (A) LENGTH: 37 nucleotides  
 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear  
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HIV-I DNA  
 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No  
 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No  
 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared  
 (vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same  
 (x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: Unknown  
 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:21

CGTCGTCGTT TTGGTCCTTG TCTTATGTCC AGAATGC

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TTTGGTCCTT GTCTTATGTC CAGAATGC 28

(25) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:24

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 40 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HIV-I DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

10 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: Unknown

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:24

15 GATGGATGAC AAATAATCCA CCTATCCCAG TAGGAGAAAT 40

(26) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:25

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 40 nucleotides

20 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HIV-I DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

25 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: Unknown

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:25

30 CTAAAGGGTT CCTTTGGTCC TTGTCTTATG TCCAGAATGC 40

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(27) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:26

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 29 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HPV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:26

GAGATGGGAA TCCATATGCT GTATGTGAT 29

(28) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:27

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 29 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HPV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:27

GGACACAGTG GCTTTTGACA GTTAATACA 29

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:  
 (A) LENGTH: 25 nucleotides  
 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear  
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for hPV DNA  
 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No  
 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No  
 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared  
 (vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same  
 (x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None  
 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:28

(30) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:29

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 26 nucleotides
- (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for hPV DNA
- (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No
- (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No
- (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared
- (vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same
- (x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:29

30 CCTAGTGTGC CCATTAACAG GTCTTC 26

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(A) LENGTH: 29 nucleotides

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for hPV DNA

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

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(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:30

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GACACAGAAA ATGCTAGTGC TTATGCAGC 29

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(A) LENGTH: 29 nucleotides

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for hPV DNA

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:31

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GGTGGACAAT CACCTGGATT TACTGCAAC 29

(33) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:32

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 27 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HPV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

10 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:32

15 CCTGATCTGT GCACGGAAC GAACACT 27

(34) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:33

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 32 nucleotides

20 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HPV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

25 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:33

30 CCCAGTGTTA GTTAGTTTTT CCAATGTGTC TG 32

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(35) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:34

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 27 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HPV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

10 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:34

15 TGCCTGCGGT GCCAGAAACC GTTGAAT 27

(36) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:35

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 26 nucleotides

20 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HPV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

25 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:35

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(37) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:36

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 28 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HPV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

10 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:36

15 GAGCCGAACC ACAACGTCAC ACAATGTT 28

(38) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:37

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 29 nucleotides

20 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HPV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

25 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:37

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GGACACACAA AGGACAGGGT GTTCAGAAA 29

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(39) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:38

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 27 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for hCMV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

10 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:38

15 CATTCCCACT GACTTTCTGA CGCACGT 27

(40) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:39

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 24 nucleotides

20 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HPV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

25 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:39

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(A) LENGTH: 25 nucleotides

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* DNA

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(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

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GAGATCGAGC TGGAGGATCC GTACG 25

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(A) LENGTH: 25 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

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(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:41

AGCTGCAGCC CAAAGGTGTT GGACT 25

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(A) LENGTH: 21 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:42

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TCAGCCGCGT CCACGCCGCG A 21

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(A) LENGTH: 20 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

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(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:43

CCTGCGAGCG TAGGCGTCGG 20

(45) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:44

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for *Mycobacterium*  
avium DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

10 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:44

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GAGATCGCCA CCTTCGGCAA 20

(46) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:45

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

20 (A) LENGTH: 20 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for *Mycobacterium*  
avium DNA

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

30 (x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:45

GAGCAGTTCG GTGGCGTTCA 20

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(47) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:46

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 25 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for hCMV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

10 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: U.S. 5,147,777

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:46

15 GAGGCTATTG TAGCCTACAC TTTGG 25

(48) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:47

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 25 nucleotides

20 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for hCMV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

25 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: U.S. 5,147,777

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:47

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CAGCACCATC CTCCTCTTCC TCTGG 25

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:  
 (A) LENGTH: 24 nucleotides  
 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear  
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for hCMV DNA  
 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No  
 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No  
 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared  
 (vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same  
 (x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None  
 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:48

(50) INFORMATION FOR SEO ID:NO:49

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:  
 (A) LENGTH: 30 nucleotides  
 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear  
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for hCMV DNA  
 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No  
 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No  
 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared  
 (vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same  
 (x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: U.S. 5,147,777  
 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:49

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GACACAGTGT CCTCCCGCTC CTCCTGAGCA 30

(51) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:50

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 30 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for hCMV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

10 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: U.S. 5,147,777

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:50

15 GTGGAAGGCG GCTCGCTGGA AGCCGGTCGT 30

(52) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:51

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 33 nucleotides

20 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for HPV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

25 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:51

30 GGAACAACAT TAGAACAGCA ATACAACAAA CCG 33

006660 88882960



(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:  
(A) LENGTH: 32 nucleotides  
(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid  
(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single  
(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear  
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for hPV DNA  
(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No  
(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No  
(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared  
(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same  
(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None  
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:52

(54) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:53

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 30 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for hPV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:53

30 CCTATAGGTG GTTTGCAACC AATTAAACAC 30

(55) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:54

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 35 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for HPV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

10 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:54

15 GAGGTATTTG AATTGCAATT TAAAGATTTA TTTGT 35

(56) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:55

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 27 nucleotides

20 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for HPV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

25 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:55

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GCAAGACAGT ATTGGAAGTT ACAGAGG 27

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(57) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:56

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 27 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for HPV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

10 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:56

15 GTGTTGTAAG TGTGAAGCCA GATTGA 27

(58) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:57

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 30 nucleotides

20 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* DNA

25 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

30 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:57

GAGCAGATTG CGGCCACCGC AGCGATTTCG 30

000260-82852560

(59) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:58

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:58

CTCGTCCAGC GCCGCTTCGG 20

(60) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:59

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for *Mycobacterium avium* DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:59

TGGATCTCGT TGTTCTGGGTC 20

000260 82352960

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 30 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for *Mycobacterium avium* DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: Unknown

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:60

GACCAGATCG CTGCCACCGC GGCCATCTCC 30

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

20 (A) LENGTH: 30 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for *Mycobacterium*

25 *fortuitum* DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

30 (x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: Unknown

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:61

GAGCAGATCG CTGCCACCGC CGGTATCTCC 30

(63) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:62

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 30 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for hCMV DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

10 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: Unknown

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:62

15 GGTCATCGCC GTAGTAGATG CGTAAGGCCT 30

(64) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:63

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 25 nucleotides

20 (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HSV-1 DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

25 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: Unknown

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:63

30 CCGGGAGATG GGGGAGGCTA ACTGA 25

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 25 nucleotides
- (B) TYPE: Nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Primer for HSV-1 DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: Unknown

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:64

(66) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID:NO:65

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 33 nucleotides

(B) TYPE: Nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Probe for HSV-1 DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: No

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: No

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE: Synthetically prepared

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE: Same

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION: Unknown

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID:NO:65

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AAAGACAGAA TAAAACGCAC GGGTGTGGG TCG 33